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Welcome to Issue 15 of *Back to Prabhupada (BTP)*. In this issue our cover story highlights the amazing impact BTP has had in such a short time, from being a supposedly unknown, rene-gade magazine to a journal which is recognised as being essential to ISKCON's intellectual vitality (please see page 12).

In the *Srimad-Bhagavatam*, Srila Prabhupada states:

"The mass of people follow the example of a leader in society and imitate his behavior. They accept as evidence whatever the leader accepts. People in general are not very advanced in knowledge by which to discriminate between religion and irreligion. The innocent, unenlightened citizen is like an ignorant animal sleeping in peace with its head on the lap of its master, faithfully believing in the master's protection." (*Srimad-Bhagavatam* 6.2.4-5)

ISKCON devotees, of course, will preach on the basis of this and other statements to point out how Godless society is, and therefore the general populace must accept Krishna consciousness for enlightenment. But the above statement today applies most accurately not to the Godless society outside ISKCON's walls, but actually to ISKCON itself. For it is ISKCON which is claiming more than anyone else to be able to "discriminate between religion and irreligion", but which is actually following the examples and imitating the behavior of its unauthorised guru leaders by blindly accepting as evidence whatever its members are told, faithfully believing in the protection of these unauthorised, fallible gurus. BTP has demonstrated, and continues to demonstrate with each issue, that ISKCON today is unable to discriminate between truth (religion) and illusion (irreligion). BTP continues to present mountains of documented evidence of how badly ISKCON has strayed from

Srila Prabhupada's instructions, as the original deviation of perpetrating the Great Guru Hoax has expanded into other deviations of commercialisation, secularisation, Hinduisation, demigod worship, offending Srila Prabhupada, lying, cheating etc, all mired in and based on mass contradiction. And nothing we have stated has ever been refuted. On the contrary, as we saw from the statements of HH Prahladananda Swami in the last issue, and now His Grace Kripamoya prabhu in this issue (p. 12), our conclusions are being confirmed more and more. If ISKCON itself is in illusion, then there is no point preaching, otherwise we run the risk of misleading everyone else. Unless we are firmly and completely established in the truth ourselves, there is no use to just going on 'preaching':

"Yes, you have got the right idea when you say that your preaching work shall be directed toward the children and the devotees and not so much to the Dallas public. We may thin the milk till it becomes useless, or we may boil it until it becomes thick and sweet, so now we have got enough followers, let us train them up perfectly in the philosophy and activities of Krsna Consciousness way of life. Unless all of my students become very much fixed up in their spiritual progress, what is the use of so many programs for expansion?"

(Srila Prabhupada Letter, June 20th, 1972)

Thus the issues raised by *The Final Order* and *BTP* are not simply "fault-finding", but rather go to the very heart of what the Krishna consciousness movement is supposed to stand for, and as Professor Kim Knott states in her Foreword to *The Final Order*, "every devotee has a real stake in the matter". These issues need to be settled before one can consider oneself as faithfully carrying on Srila Prabhupada's mission. Indeed, the IRM contends

that a movement which claims to be following the teachings of Srila Prabhupada but which at the same time outlaws Srila Prabhupada as the Guru to whom one exclusively surrenders, is not actually Srila Prabhupada's mission at all! ISKCON is supposed to be preaching the truth to others, and yet by its own admission its leaders do not have the foggiest idea of the truth themselves on the most fundamental of issues.

What is Srila Prabhupada's position? *"Er, we are still 'researching' this, and have set up a 'committee' to examine the issue!"* (see BTP Issue 13, "GBC debates Srila Prabhupada's position – 30 years on").

Does a person have to get re-initiated if their guru falls? *"Er, we are still 'researching' this, and have set up a 'committee' to examine the issue!"* (see BTP Issue 11, "GBC Resolutions 2006 fiasco").

How are initiations supposed to go on? *"Er, we do not currently even have a position paper, good or bad, regarding this, since we had to ignominiously withdraw the paper we did have, since it was full of 'lies', and instead replace it with a statement of belief which simply said 'we are gurus because we believe we are'!"* (see BTP Special Summary Issue, "GBC defeated by The Final Order").

And so on and so on (see all previous BTP issues!). As Srila Prabhupada so wonderfully sums up:

"You cannot teach your own people, and you are going to teach others. 'Physician heal thyself.'" (Srila Prabhupada Morning Walk, April 7th, 1975).

Please feel free to write to me at the following address if you have any questions, criticisms or comments: irm@iskconirm.com.

Thank you and Hare Krishna.

Yours in the service of Srila Prabhupada,

Krishnakant



Letters to the editor

“Thanks For Saving Me! All glories to Srila Prabhupada. I just read through your Spring issue 11 Back To Prabhupada magazine which I got from the devotee who first introduced me to Krishna consciousness. I'm flabbergasted! It was a wake up call for me! Such a refreshment to read this nectar! And it has saved my spiritual life and brought me back to Srila Prabhupada! I was living in the Brooklyn temple and after what I went through there, I gave up everything. After living in that temple for almost a year, I started having my questions even though I had taken initiation from the guru there. From my observations, he seemed to be interested only in those people who could give him large amounts of money. You said something in your Spring 11 issue concerning the temple president renting out an area of the temple for bingo, but the fiasco for me came when I asked why it was the temple was being used by the New York Firemen's Association for their annual barbeque which was being held at the temple every year, them paying for the temple facility.

I later found out that my guru was doing a “banking business” in that he would lend money to young grihastha couples for making purchases of houses and they would pay him back this money with a high rate of interest. My guru, Romapada Swami, has also lent Radha Govinda \$90,000 (ninety thousand dollars) years back, with interest to be paid back to him. And he's supposed to be a Sannyasi! Is there anything in scripture about a devotee lending the Deity money? When I asked about the barbeque stuff, putting forth that I didn't think Prabhupada would approve of it, I got blasted as being disrespectful, and that I had no right to be questioning my superiors, no right to be questioning senior disciples of Srila Prabhupada, so I just left in disgust.

Not knowing what was supposed to be what, I just thought

Prabhupada had started a faulty movement and I was having questions about him. I gave up chanting and following some of the principles except meat eating and intoxication, since I thought to refrain from these things was logical.

I guess Srila Prabhupada wanted to get me back to his lotus feet because amazingly I was visiting my parents, and while on one of the streets I coincidentally saw the devotee who had preached to me and got me to become a devotee. When I told this devotee what happened, he told me he had something which he felt could help me, and going to his house I got your magazine and read it through. It's a Vaikunthasend, directly from Krishna and Srila Prabhupada.

Please keep up the good work. I'm sure you're helping a lot more people than just me.”

- Shawn Johnson, New Jersey, USA

“Thank You! I received two BTP magazines Saturday. I was thrilled and feel very blessed by Krishna to have the opportunity to sincerely walk the walk and to know the truth. I feel so blessed by Krsna. I am serious about my spirituality and relationship with Krsna. It is inspiring and I feel uplifted and reassured there are devotees that are sincere and are about truth!!”

- Znovia Olowu, Virginia, USA

“Dear Krishnakant, All glories to Srila Prabhupada, Jagad Guru and sole diksa Guru of ISKCON. All glories to Krishnakant and the BTP team. Thank you for re-establishing Prabhupada rightfully to the Vyasasana, the seat of Hari and His most confidential servant. ISKCON scoundrels, guru hoaxers and business persons have abandoned Prabhupada. However, these rascals at ISKCON Phoenix and Chatsworth (the largest Indian community outside of India) have become so engulfed and engorged in rank materialism and corruption, they will destroy any opposition or the truth about Prabhupada or

their illicit activities.

My dear prabhu, these demons have stolen my BTPs and assaulted my helpers at last year's Rathayatra in Durban. This year I will be fully prepared and will destroy whoever attempts to gag the distribution of BTP. I will inform all newspapers, the Mayor, the City Manager, the South African Police and the Metro Police. My hope is these authorities will not be corrupted by the corrupt. I have R2000-00 saved and hope you could send me magazines.

Yours in the service of Srila Prabhupada, my life, my everything.”

- Dennis S. Pillay, Richards Bay, South Africa

“I would like to join IRM with all our congregation group.”

- Satchitanand Das, Orissa, India

“Dear Prabhus,

Please accept my humble obeisances. ALL GLORIES TO SRILA PRABHUPADA. Thank you for the nectarean BTPs and the copy of THE FINAL ORDER. Please keep me on your mailing list. May Srila Prabhupada bless and guide you. My husband and I stay awake all night to read the BTP mags! Thank you. Aspiring to be the servant of the servant of the bonafide followers of Srila Prabhupada.”

- Mrs. Gayatri Balwalli, Assistant Professor, Vrindavana, India

“I like your magazine alot. You are doing very good work.”

- Raymond Kponton, Abentheuer, Germany

“I want to thank you for sending me BTP. I find the articles very interesting and I look forward to each issue.”

- Wayne McNutt, Nova Scotia, Canada

“A devotee got me interested to your books, I am impressed. Please send back copies.”

- Mrs A. Maharaj, Verulam, South Africa

“Very enlightening magazine.”

- Shreedhar Ganpathy, Mumbai, India

“Dear Krishnakant/Yaduraja,

Thank you very much for the recent BTPs, which apart from expertly sticking it to certain cretinous

goons by smashing their Satanistic “philosophy”, has some wonderful pictures of Srila Prabhupada that I have never seen before, most wonderful indeed! Well, I hope you are both fit and healthy, and I thank you for your great service by way of BTP etc. It's a pity though that the goons who need to take heed of your preaching most couldn't give a monkeys, due to the fact they are lost to their own lust and vanities ...the Yamadutas are going to have some good times when these GBC goonrus exit the body via the sphincter...Jaya Srila Prabhupada and also jaya you...Hare Krsna.”

- Bhakta Jude, Luton, England

“I have read your books, quite interesting. Please send me all your back editions if possible.”

- Mr R. Rajeen, Durban, South Africa

“I pray to Sri Krsna that He gives you all His mercy. Your fallen servant.”

- Pratap Mitha, Sant Maur, France

“It makes me very happy and confident whenever I go through Back To Prabhupada.”

- Veeranarendra Kumar, Bangalore, India

“Dear prabhujis, Pamho! AgtSP!

Please send me a free copy of the book The Final Order. Thank you very much, I have received your magazine Back to Prabhupada. If it is possible to send me previous issues, I will appreciate it. Your service is great to those who are really attached to the lotus feet of Srila Prabhupada. All glories to your devotional service. Your servant.”

- Krishna Das, Varna, Bulgaria

“Thank you for your service to Sri Krsna and His servant, and to all of humanity for working to save ISKCON. We need ISKCON as Srila Prabhupada intended it to be ...now more than ever before! HARI BOL!!!”

- Greg Sexton, Tennessee, USA

“I would like ISKCON to be run as Prabhupada wanted it to be.”

- Alberto Davila, California, USA

Letters to the editor *(continued from page 3)*

"Thank you for the IRM. It opens my darkened eyes. It is regretted that gurus are deviating."

- Kasyup Muni Das,
Quatre Bourmes, Mauritius

"Thank you for explaining the situation."

- Mme. Gauzelin Elyone, Rosiers, France

"I'm eager to know more. Let the truth set us free. Keep up the good service to Srila Prabhupada. Hari Bol!"

- Reshika Mohanlal,
Pietermaritzburg, South Africa

"I want to know the truth!"

- Jamie King, Wheeling, USA

"I love Srila Prabhupada. My Gurudev ki jai. Jai Prabhupad."

- Sundarshyama Das, Chennai, India

"Worrying news about the GBC. They must be sacked and be sent to re-education."

- Manuel Pereria, London, England

"I am very much pleased and relieved to know that IRM is actually doing what Srila Prabhupada wanted. It's only by grace and Krishna that IRM people are doing this great service to Srila Prabhupada. ISKCON's deterioration in the west and elsewhere can only be stopped by IRM. Thank you, Hare Krishna."

- Dr. S. Kalyana Sundaram, Hassan, India

"I have the special issue. Good work! Please could you subscribe me and send any available back issues. All glories to Prabhupada! Thank you."

- A. Bhakta, Lancashire, England

"Jaya Shri Krishna, Hare Krishna. Whatever Srila Prabhupadaji had outlined for the future I wholeheartedly support and will obey his command."

- Dattu Purohit, Baroda, India

"Keep 'spreading the light' with the good news via BTP magazine."

- Stephen Swartz, Paris, France

"I am involved too much in this. I love Krishna but I feel something strange inside me about ISKCON."

- Grace Sarmiento, Miami, USA

"Hare Krishna, I am very happy that you are doing a great serv-

ice to Srila Prabhupad and his mission. My request is that please distribute this magazine throughout the whole planet and expand the army of Krishna Consciousness."

- Ramachandran.R.V., Bangalore, India

"Please send me Back To Prabhupada on a regular basis, since this is the only book that can keep Prabhupada in our consciousness. My friend had given me a copy to read and I was so happy to see that finally there is a book around to keep everyone informed about the supreme truth of Srila Prabhupada. At present devotees of our temple are simply telling lies to everyone and providing everyone with mis- or wrong information. You devotees are doing a great service to Prabhupada and to us and please keep it up."

- Partha Mondal, West Bengal, India

"Keep up your excellent work."

- Arun Ramki, Bangalore, India

"Hare Krishna. Thank you for sending me the magazines!!! I want to know the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth!!"

- Federico Menendez, Miami, USA

"Hello, I'm a Gurukuli from Mexico City. I like your writing. Thank you very much."

- Syamakunda Das, Mexico City, Mexico

"Dear Sir, very interesting truth. We have read thoroughly and are very much pleased to know the truth. You guide us in the manner in which I can know the truth. Also I want The Final Order to get more information about Srila Prabhupad. In India the books we read are not easily available due to supply restriction for the temple. Thanks."

- Manidhar Das, ISKCON

Devi Bhisvan Road, Dwarka, India

"I am very glad that Srila Prabhupada has responded to me accordingly. I accept him for a long-time universally."

- Gautam Banerjee, West Bengal, India

"Hare Krishna. I have got enthusiasm to know more and more."

- N. Shyamasundar, Bangalore, India

"Really fact-finding and eye-

opening book. Wish to do some service for Krishna consciousness."

- Girish Narayana Gupta, Lucknow, India

"A 'God-Guru' like Srila Prabhupada does not come all the time. It is very rare. He is 'GRACE-incarnate' of Lord SRI NITYANANDA. NO FORCE can tarnish him! Jaya Radhe."

- Dr. Krishnadas Bhakta,
West Bengal, India

"I want to know the true facts of ISKCON."

- Dr. Tamal Kumar Banerjee, Calcutta, India

"Hare Krishna. Please send me the previous issues if possible. You are really doing a great service to Srila Prabhupada."

- Deepak Singhal, Bangalore, India

"Thank you very much for BTP, I enjoy it thoroughly. Please keep up the publication with renewed vigour and determination. Hare Krishna."

- Mike Inamdar, Ontario, Canada

"I had attended Prabhupada lectures at the LA temple since 1970 but did not get initiation then. Now I am confused. The splitting of ISKCON temple properties by temple managements will ultimately come to the 'Panda system' that has resulted in neglect of Hindu temples in India. I will be interested in what the ISKCON gurus say and the individual responses to the IRM position on Guruparampara. I have been greatly disturbed by ISKCON scandals and falldowns."

- K.B. Lal, California, USA

"I find BTPs very informative. Very interesting articles. I especially like the articles regarding how people came to know about The Final Order and came back to the real ISKCON. Keep it up. GREAT WORK!"

- Hari Das, California, USA

"I appreciate your keeping us informed of the internal workings of ISKCON at the highest level. I consider this information very valuable."

- Rick House, Chicago, USA

"You are doing a wonderful job for the spiritual health of the vai-

snava community."

- Karuna Krishna Das, Lima, Peru

"I want to tell you that I am so blessed and enlightened about all that I have read and I will want you to keep me on your mailing list; and please send me a copy of the THE FINAL ORDER as I am sure I will gain more from it. I want to thank you for the great work you are doing on behalf of Srila Prabhupada. I want to thank all devotees that are making this publication a success. I am so impressed with the standard set by Srila Prabhupada and your desire to maintain it. I am so convinced that Krsna consciousness is bona fide and I am happy to know that devotees like you and others are there to make it a reality. Thanks once again and keep it up. Krsna is beside you."

- Odomu Franklin, Surrey, England

"Very informative book, tells how ISKCON fell prey into the hands of rogues."

- Mahesh Kumar Sharma,
Uttaranchal, India

"IRM is doing very good job. Destroying Guru hoax as Prabhupada instructed to be ritviks, but these rascals become guru. So I will also join your movement. We will run ISKCON as Srila Prabhupada desired. Hare Krishna."

- B.K. Jayanath, Bangalore, India

"Thanks, it's great! Keep up the good work."

- Caitanya Krsna Das, Denver, USA

"May the Guru Parampara bestow their blessings upon all your righteous endeavors. Hare Krishna."

- Kaviraja Das, Georgia, USA

"The first step in spreading Krishna Consciousness is clearing the doubts of the people regarding the Guru issue. If this is done, people develop their faith in ISKCON and thus love towards Krishna. I think the above mentioned books can do it. Keep up the work, Krishna's mercy is with us!"

- Deepak A. R., Bangalore, India

ISKCON thug tactics video evokes huge response

In our previous issue we had mentioned that we had caught an ISKCON GBC guru and other devotees engaging in thug tactics to prevent the distribution of *BTP*, and that this was captured on film. At the time of going to press, over **8000** people have so far viewed the film clip in question. It has generated many letters, a selection of which are given below. For those who have yet to see the clip (from which stills are also given below), and which shows a "devotee" ripping up a picture of Srila Prabhupada, as well as GBC guru Ravindra Svarupa Das trying to steal the camera that's doing the filming, please go to the following weblink:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1IShsqg2NIQ>

For those who have already seen the original clip (http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PJy_OSj-Nc8), please note that this is an improved version with full subtitles for those who may have wondered what all the words spoken were, and so you may wish to view it again!



ISKCON lady attempts to grab *BTP* magazines from IRM devotee



ISKCON lady proceeds to rip up Srila Prabhupada's sacred picture



ISKCON GBC guru Ravindra Svarupa Das assaults IRM devotee with bottle



"Get that camera, too!": ISKCON GBC guru attempts theft of property

"Hare Krishna, I actually went to your site yesterday and saw the video, and I was so appalled by the fact this young devotee girl was tearing up Srila Prabhupada's full page photo I wrote to 'Dandavats' (GBC's website - ed.) and wrote an article stating that, 'Who allows their disciples to rip apart photos of Srila Prabhupada for all the world to see?' I am not a Ritvik, I am no scholar and I do not understand the book philosophy that well. I am going to forward your e-mail and this one to Ravinda Svarupa if I can find his e-mail address. I am a Srila Prabhupada disciple who has been standing in the sidelines for the past thirty years watching the show in disgust."

- Rukmini Priya Dasi, California, USA

"Hare Krsna...thank you very much for sending me this...I know about Ravindra Svarupa, but I have never actually seen his actions. I can't believe that one so-called devotee ripped up Prabhupada's picture. In all honesty, they deserve a high drop on a short rope. Your servant."

- Bhakta Shaun, Ontario, Canada

"I was shocked to view the video clip and wonder how a devotee can stoop to such an ignominious level. Thanking you for apprising this. I have shown it to my devotee friends

who are also very much pained to see this. Hari Haribol."

- Akrura Krishna Das, Hubli, India

"Horrible!"

- Sajjanasraya Das, Italy

"If you can explain more about this tragic video, I will be very grateful... for example, I want to have a copy of this magazine that was destroyed. It is terrible see how the image of Srila Prabhupada is insulted by these persons. Please send me a copy of the magazine so I can try and comprehend the fear that these "devotees" have for the magazine."

- Vladimir, Spain

"A picture is worth a thousand words but a video, worth a million. To see a magazine with His Divine Grace's picture on the front-cover getting ripped was non-different from seeing one's heart cut in half. Srila Prabhupada's physical departure from this material realm has clouded the minds of many individuals. It's a long and at times lonely struggle for you, Krishnakant prabhu, but such is the price one has to pay to stand by one's convictions. Your noble service to the Krishna Consciousness movement is akin to what Martin Luther once did for the misguided Christianity. Eventually the light will shine; the question of darkness will be moot then. Your mission, however, may remain

unachievable during this [material] life if those are the Controller's -- i.e., Krishna's -- wishes. Please don't let that discourage you. Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada."

- Suk Shah, Minnesota, USA

"It is SHOCKING that ANYONE, ANYWHERE who claims to be a devotee of Krsna would DARE to treat a picture of Srila Prabhupada this way... and assault anyone else! Srila Prabhupada teaches us that he is present in his photo. What madness this Kali-yuga brings to us all! SHAME on ANYONE who offends His Divine Grace in this way!

I am fallen and am therefore a great offender... But if I should EVER commit such an offence to Srila Prabhupada in such a way... showing such insane malice toward ANYONE what to speak of a devotee... what to speak of HIS DIVINE GRACE... and at the SUPREME LORD'S RATHA YATRA, may I be struck dead on the spot!!!"

- Bhuvana Pavani Devi Dasi, Nebraska, USA

"I am very much thankful to you for your great service to save our movement by exposing the fake/bogus rascals. These people are the ones who are very well aware of the consequences of their misdirecting the innocent public (unaware devotees) for their personal fame, worship and power.

But they have totally ignored that Srila Prabhupada is watching their every action and they will have to suffer for their deeds."

- Dr. Rajanish G.H., Udipi, India

"That stupid woman tearing up Prabhupada's picture is the Yugoslav refugee who married that President of ISKCON Detroit (one of the many), just to stay in the USA and get a Green Card.....Such people are pigs as Prabhupada used to say, and should just be removed from the planet."

- A. Gupta, Detroit, USA

"I have just viewed your video of Detroit Rathayatra. No surprise there. Iskcon tatics remain the same. Intimidation, violence. I joined the movement in the 1970s, and even when Prabhupada was still on earth, the GBC or the pack of homo-Sannyasis kept not only us devotees in the dark, but our beloved and pure Guru as well. When householders would write to Srila Prabhupada about the nonsense going on, they were being intercepted by personal secretaries. Dont give up!!!"

- Mahesvari Devi Dasi, California, USA

(Please go to our "Readers' questions and challenges" section on page 11, to see a response to a challenge condoning ISKCON's thugs tactics shown on the video).

Quotes, Notes and News (QNN)

Guru Hoax founder's sex literature shocker



PARENTAL ADVISORY WARNING

This item contains descriptions of a sexual nature unsuitable for minors.

In our last issue (see QNN, BTP 14), we reported the shocking decline into extreme profanities and attacks on the process of Krishna consciousness by the co-founder of ISKCON's Great Guru Hoax, Satsvarupa Das (henceforward referred to in this article as "SD", and formerly known as Satsvarupa Das "Goswami", meaning "master of the senses", before his illicit affair with a married woman).

Shockingly, as we now show below, SD has added mundane sex literature to his use of extreme profanities:

"Bold as she was, she placed his hands on her breasts. She then kissed him and placed her tongue in his mouth. His tongue also entered hers. She embraced him and by now he had a half erection [...] Braja dasa sat down and calmed his genitals [...] He didn't want to stick his genital into some well-formed beauty star. He wanted Sandy. And he had heard from a Godbrother who worked as a physical therapist that a man could even have sexual intercourse with a paraplegic [...] It's not just a sticking in of a penis into a vagina. It's the being together in the touching and the embracing that lead up to the mechanics and the orgasm."

(*Sanatorium*, Gita Nagari Press, 2005, Satsvarupa Das, p. 360, 361, 420)

The above is only a small representative sample, as we have reproduced the minimum neces-

sary to prove our point. The book actually contains much more by the way of such "sex literature" and profanities.

Some may wonder at the relevance of continuing to expose SD's deviations, since following his falldown, it is assumed he was removed as acting as a *diksa* guru in ISKCON. However, he is only barred from taking *new* disciples. For the disciples he already has, it is "guru business" as usual, as evidenced by the pictures on his website of his Vyasa-Puja held in Mexico last year. (Vyasa-Puja is a festival where the guru is worshipped as "good as God" by his disciples). More relevant, however, is the fact, as mentioned previously, that a personality who is considered to be one the leading gurus in ISKCON, HH Bhakti Caru Swami ("BCS"), continues to assert that SD is **"undoubtedly a very advanced devotee"**. Clearly therefore, it is necessary to demonstrate that neither is SD in a position to remain as *diksa* guru, and more importantly, by his inability to discriminate between a "very advanced" and fallen devotee, nor is BCS.

Srila Prabhupada has many times condemned such sex literature as being against the principles of Krishna conscious life (naturally, we have had to highlight the above extracts from SD's book to expose such "guru" deviation):

"We should not waste our time simply reading these all nonsense literatures, sex literatures. Simply wasting their time. *Tad vayasam tirtham*. To read nonsense ordinary literature and books or newspaper is compared just like the pleasure place of the crows [...] What is there in the sex literature? There is no new information; the same sex life, that's all."

(Srila Prabhupada Lecture, July 12, 1969).

Amazingly, SD has the audac-

ity to dedicate such "crow's literature" to Srila Prabhupada, and wishes that such sex literature is widely read around the world:

"Most of all I acknowledge my spiritual master, His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada [...] I pray that *Sanatorium* pleases him and that he blesses it to be widely read around the globe."

(*Sanatorium*, Gita Nagari Press, 2005, Satsvarupa Das, 'Acknowledgements')

Clearly, any sane devotee would ask why SD, a "renounced" monk in his mid-60s, having just one year prior to the publication of this graphic novel been exposed in an illicit affair with a married woman, is still regarded by BCS as a "very advanced devotee" and an initiating guru successor to Srila Prabhupada?

Such blatant deviation from the bona fide spiritual master's instructions, and the subsequent moral and spiritual degradation that follows thereafter, is only to be expected when one tries to replace the spiritual master and occupy his seat without any authorisation, as SD and his fellow guru hoaxers have done:

"One should not imitate the behavior of an advanced devotee or *maha-bhagavata* without being self-realized, for by such imitation one will eventually become degraded."

(*Nector of Instruction*, Text 5, purport)

Temple banning makes news headlines

In QNN14, we reported on the lie that Gauri Das, Temple President of ISKCON UK headquarters Bhaktivedanta Manor, had told the British press in regards to the banning of IRM devotees from the temple. He stated that:

"No one is 'banned' from the temple, except where they exclude themselves by disturbing the worship of others. Anyone is welcome to visit the Manor so long as they do not disturb the peace of others or prevent others from using the temple."

(Gauri Das, press statement, December 8th, 2006)

We demonstrated that this was an outright fabrication since IRM supporters have received letters from Gauri Das stating that they are banned simply for their **"agreeing with the views and publications"** of the IRM; in effect, they are guilty of a "thought crime". Below we see another media report on the temple banning issue which has made headlines on some of the prominent Indian news websites such as **Zee News** and **Yahoo India**. Note how the reporter has also realised that Gauri Das may be lying regarding the banning:

Temple tension in Hertfordshire

London, Jan 25: According to reports in the British press, there is increasing concern over what is going on at a Hindu temple in Hertfordshire, just north of London.

"So-called anti-Hindu incidents involve the police being called in to remove devotees, who have then been banned from entering the premises of the Bhaktivedanta Manor temple near Watford," the Eastern Eye reported.

And, as Arjun Malik, spokesman for the campaign group Hindu Human Rights, told the paper: "There have been a number of strange reports about the temple over the last few months. The idea of banning someone from offering prayers at a temple just because you disagree with their way

of thinking is a completely anti-Hindu principle. Hindu temples have always been open to everyone, be it any faith or thinking".

It seems that the manor, gifted as a temple by the late great George Harrison of Beatle fame, and, incidentally, recently visited by David Cameron, leader of the conservative party, has been the victim of philosophical differences caused by the activities of the ISKCON Revival Movement. (ISKCON-IRM).

This body was set up some three years ago to take ISKCON back to its roots and restore the teachings of the movement to what they were under the founder, Srila Prabhupada.

ISKCON [IRM] wants Srila Prabhupada as the sole guru of the entire movement and this is where the argument starts, because other members, including the president of the Bhaktivedanta temple, Gauri Dasa, disagree.

Dasa has now been accused of allowing force to be used against the revivalists but he told the Eastern Eye that: "It is just a splinter group which has a different opinion on the issue of succession. This temple is a place of peace and worship. It is open to everyone, Hindu, Muslim or atheist. But if someone is disrupting the peace of the place then we have to ask them not to enter. These were a few isolated incidents and no ban is in force now".

Despite these protestations of innocence, a senior media executive and active member of ISKCON-IRM, and who wished to remain anonymous, said that: "I am actually in the midst of negotiating my ban from entering the Bhaktivedanta temple". They can't both be right, but let us hope that the dispute is sorted out amicably and quickly before further damage is done to the reputation of the temple and its devotees.

(Indo-Asian News Service, 2007)

We can see that the "the damage being done to the reputation of the temple and its devotees" will continue as long as Gauri Das insists on banning worshipers for their beliefs, and then lying about this banning as well, with the media continuing to highlight the story.

Bait-and-switch in action

In previous issues of *BTP* we have highlighted the ISKCON guru art of "bait-and-switch", whereby the gurus attract (or "bait") people to ISKCON by presenting them with ISKCON's real Guru Srila Prabhupada; and then when someone joins ISKCON, the ISKCON gurus switch the genuine spiritual master Srila Prabhupada with themselves as the links to Lord Krishna! In case anyone thought we might have been exaggerating, please read the following report submitted by ISKCON Pandharpur to ISKCON's Indian Continental Committee:

From: IMPM Pandharpur, Maharashtra - IN
To: ICC (Indian Continental Committee)
Sent: Sun 31/12/2006 15:51

For 7 nights - From 22 to 28 December His Holiness Lokanath Swami Maharaja narrated the full ten chapters of the 7th Canto of the Srimad Bhagavatam depicting the pastimes of Lord Nrsimhadeva, His devotee Prahlad Maharaja, and the king of the demons - Hiranyakasipu.

The response was overwhelming. After the Katha, Maharaja was signing books for hours. He was swarmed with fans - all reaching out with their books and pens for his autograph. The amount of Bhagavad Gitas and other books distributed far exceeded last year's scores.

(See attached photo)



Lokanath Swami:
Signing Srila Prabhupada's books

As we see from the report, HH Lokanath Swami speaks for a full 7 nights from Srila Prabhupada's magnum opus *Srimad-Bhagavatam* to a large audience. By this activity he acquires a swarm of "fans", who then buy these same books. However, the catch is that rather than tell these eager purchasers of Srila Prabhupada's books about the literary glories of the real author, Lokanath Swami does a daring switch and spends several hours autographing the books HIMSELF! Any publishing or bookselling organization will tell you that a book signing session is done by the *author*, as the following definitions make clear:

"Book signing is the affixing of a signature to the title page or flyleaf of a book by its **author**."

"A book signing is an event, usually at a bookstore or library where an **author** sits and signs books for a period of time."

Being unable to write his own books with the same potency as Srila Prabhupada, Lokanath Swami does the next best thing; he rides on the coat-tails of Srila Prabhupada, using Srila Prabhupada's books to extract as much mileage and followers as he can, and then signs the same books as if he were the author!

This seems to be a disturbing trend among ISKCON's gurus, with HH Indradyumna Swami also admitting to being approached to sign Srila Prabhupada's books:



Srila Prabhupada:
The actual author inspects his books

"Many people were approaching me to sign the Bhagavad-gita and other books they had purchased at our book shops."
(*Diary of a Traveling Preacher*, HH Indradyumna Swami, Volume 3, Chapter 36)

And thus the displacement of Srila Prabhupada as ISKCON's initiating Guru via the GBC-instigated guru bait-and-switch scam continues.



Srila Prabhupada:
ISKCON's only bona fide initiating spiritual master

Congregating back to Prabhupada



By
Len
Wagstaff

Essex
England

My story begins in the late 1970s when, as a young factory worker on my lunch break, I was stopped when hurrying through the small English town of Maldon and had a small book thrust in my hands. To get free from an unwanted conversation I handed over some money and quickly got away after being presented with a second free book. Upon returning to my home, the books were tucked away without a second glance.

Many years later I was sharing a house with the members of a rock band I was in, which at the time was my main passion, along with the usual drinking and drug-taking, but I was at least by then a strict vegetarian. Some time later, being an avid reader during my lunch breaks at work, I had suddenly run out of reading matter, and I remembered I had some old paperbacks tucked away, and indeed among the trash novels I saw the two yellowing books I received in the street many years ago. The author of the books was called His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada. After reading just the first few pages, I had a life-changing revelation, and it was like Prabhupada was physically present before me to instruct me, and I knew I had to contact his ISKCON movement. However, the address in the back of the book was for the temple in London's Bury Place which by then had ceased to exist! I was frustrated and desperate to learn more.

Two weeks passed and myself and the rest of the band went off on holiday to Scotland, and after driving for some hours we pulled into a service area for a break.

As I sat in the car whilst the others went to get some drinks and snacks, suddenly there was a knock on the window from someone selling something. I wound down the window and was presented with *Bhagavad-gita As It Is*. I read this cover to cover, and when I returned from holiday, to the horror of my mates, I was by now a completely different person. I stopped drinking, smoking and taking drugs, and then ordered chanting beads and pictures from the publisher BBT, and started chanting and offering my food to Krishna. I had finally understood the futility of my time-wasting lifestyle and the time was now right to put my real self-interest to the fore by obeying Srila Prabhupada, who alone had opened my eyes with the transcendental knowledge by which to save myself.

My days with the band and all my old friends were now numbered. After some months studying the *Gita* and working on building up my chanting, I started corresponding with His Grace Kripamoya Das, the head of congregational preaching for the British Isles (see article on page 12 – ed.), offering my service. He asked me to try to start a preaching group in my local area and also gave me the contact address of a couple of older devotees who were also running a preaching group not so far from where I lived (incidentally, these older devotees would soon become my future in-laws!). Realising the small town in which I lived had very limited potential for preaching, for the sake of pushing on Srila Prabhupada's mission I decided to break my ties with friends and family and relocate to the larger county town of Chelmsford, in Essex, which is in South East England.

Those were exciting days. The Temples seemed exotic, and the rituals, *kirtan* and Deities spell-

binding. I met my now close friend and fellow IRM member, Tina, through Kripamoya prabhu, and with her boundless energy and enthusiasm the Chelmsford group began to slowly expand, and also we were attending the rapidly growing group being run by my future in-laws. By the tone of the ISKCON UK congregation newsletters it seemed many other groups were booming, and I had lots of new devotee friends. In addition, I began to take the instructions of the *Gita* seriously, and began to donate a significant proportion of my income to help Kripamoya prabhu's congregational preaching program, construction of the new road at Bhaktivedanta Manor, and the Soho Street (Central London) and Liverpool Temples, via monthly donations, as well as sizeable yearly donations for Rathayatra and Janmashtami festivals. All this financial support entitled me to be one of the very few westerners to attend the prestigious annual 'Patron' and 'Sevak' dinners for both the Manor and Soho Street Temples. As you can imagine I was held in high regard as a donor, and I also became one of the congregational leaders, and became very active in attending UK congregational leaders' meetings, as well as participating in many *harinama* (chanting) parties all over the South of England.

I was also very active in doing service at the annual Glastonbury rock festival preaching programs as well as many other events, so very quickly I became known to most of the full-time and congregational devotees.

But dark clouds were soon gathering on the horizon. I slowly learned that many gurus who had taken over after Srila Prabhupada's departure had fallen, but now "everything was fine"! Also my own early enthusiasm and rapid "advancement" had hit a brick

wall, and all my old desires began to resurface. I began to suspect that the devotees were not as pure as they presented themselves to be, and on top of all this I was being pushed to accept a "living guru". So I began attending many of the classes of the various spiritual masters but although they seemed knowledgeable, they could not attract me like Srila Prabhupada, even though it was suggested to me that if I did not take initiation soon, I would fall from spiritual life.

It was around the early '90s that I first heard the "*ritvik*" word, and even though I didn't even bother to find out what it was about, I followed what I was told, feeling the "*ritviks*" were another cause of ISKCON's troubles and indirectly my own.

Because I liked to read Prabhupada's books I was able to carry on, but slowly the downhill slide in my spiritual enthusiasm continued, and by then my mother-in-law and brother-in-law had taken initiation from ISKCON guru Radhanath Swami. Also, with time the congregational groups dwindled and the meetings became stale, and eventually my own group never grew beyond a small core group, with many others leaving the movement. And the deviations from Srila Prabhupada's standards by the movement became more obvious, even through my rose-tinted glasses.

"I donated a significant proportion of my income to Bhaktivedanta Manor, and the Soho Street (Central London) and Liverpool temples, via monthly donations, as well as as sizeable yearly donations for festivals [...] I also became one of the UK congregational leaders"

By the start of the new century I could only find solace in Prabhupada's books, but my chanting was lacklustre and the meetings staggered on, with sometimes only three of us turning up. There was no real taste any more. Then in Autumn 2003 a small magazine called 'Back To Prabhupada' (BTP) arrived. It was from those *ritvik* people, and coincidentally just a few days before receiving the magazine a senior devotee had told me that the *ritviks* were no more than 2 to 3 troublemakers. But I immediately wondered how so few troublemakers could produce and finance such a nice looking magazine? I was tempted to read the magazine, but at the same time my ISKCON "training" kicked in, and I also felt like it would be an "offence" to read it. Eventually, however, my curiosity got the better of me, and so risking my very soul I began to read it. From just the first few pages it was obvious that this was a well-researched presentation, reproducing historical records which I had never seen before, answering all possible objections to the plain facts in a masterful display of logic. And the fact this information had been kept from me for all these years made me feel angry. I had been duped, probably by those whom I thought had my best interests at heart, for the second time in my life. I was jolted and after I had read *The Final Order* I was totally convinced.

I needed time to get my head around this information of seismic proportions, so I halted all ISKCON devotee association after around twelve years of actively engaging in the ISKCON lifestyle. Later on, I attended my first IRM meeting. It was like a breath of fresh air, with the *kirtan* exhilarating and the *prasada* wonderful. And even better, the next meeting was to be headed by Krishnakant himself. The day the first part of my journey in spiritual life ended, and the day the new part began,

was to arrive. At the meeting, Krishnakant gave a class on how to prove Srila Prabhupada was the Guru for the lifetime of ISKCON in just one sentence, and I was immediately struck by the power of his logic and voice and how he could defeat all attempts of the devotees playing devil's advocate without hesitation and with humor. When reading his book *The Final Order* I was intellectually convinced of his arguments, but by meeting him I could better understand how he was qualified to represent Srila Prabhupada. I then had a chance to have a few words with Krishnakant during which he advised me to reactivate the ISKCON Chelmsford congregation group under the IRM banner. Considering this instruction as good as direct orders from Prabhupada himself, I steeled myself for the job in hand. How would the group members take my change of direction? 'Ritvik' was a dirty word to any one connected to ISKCON, and any one propagating this idea is considered a heretic, so I first explained to my wife that I could now put us in total isolation from our friends and her own family if people reacted adversely to my new stand. But that I had to follow the truth as I saw it, and as a good wife she confirmed that as my wife, to her I was more important than any other considerations. I also decided to stop funding the *maya* (false) ISKCON, and instead donate the funds to help print the BTP magazine.

So I put all our group members on the BTP mailing list, and in the majority of cases the members were horrified to read about the massive hoax going on under the name of Prabhupada's great boon to human society, ISKCON. They were very thankful to know the truth and therefore agreed to revive the congregational meetings. Though I did receive less than complementary words from some "devotees", and others just decided to distance



Len and some group members holding *harinama* in Romford town centre; Len and some group members at an IRM meeting; Len Worshipping at home.

themselves from my association. As far as my in-laws were concerned, obviously they were not happy, being confirmed adherents of the current guru set-up, but apart from occasional heated debates we continue to see each other as they are basically non-fanatical, nice devotees. We started our first meetings in 2006, and one change was that we regularly show Srila Prabhupada's DVDs, which had been donated to us by the London IRM group. Straightaway people started to turn up with new contacts, before we had even put any effort into expanding the group! For years we were taught in the ISKCON congregational preaching magazines how to find and enthuse people to start preaching, but it never worked in practice. But now we are working for Krishna's current representative and *acharya* for the respiritualisation of society, Srila Prabhupada, the group is meeting with more people than before, and even up to the time of writing people who had had no contact with the Hare Krishna movement for many years back, are now mystically turning up and contacting us.

Also, we have begun expanding our preaching outside of Chelmsford and currently we are concentrating on Romford, which is the home of the now defunct first "Nama Hatta" (congregational) group in the UK. We go there every Saturday for ecstatic *harinama* (public chanting) and book distribution in the city centre, with great success. We have also held meetings in, and have contacts with devotees, from all the major areas of population in the Southeast UK.

So now I am just one small part of this great mission, but every day my appreciation for Srila Prabhupada and his true followers grows, and thanks to Krishnakant prabhu we in the southeast UK have the good fortune to be able to attempt to perform some real service to our eternal Spiritual Master, His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, by trying to assist the IRM in broadcasting the truth to any one who is interested.

Readers are cordially invited to follow Bhakta Len's example by sending us your story of just how you came 'Back to Prabhupada'.

ISKCON and government schools: what Srila Prabhupada said

ISKCON is currently involved in operating a number of schools which are not standard *gurukulas* (Hare Krishna schools), but are ordinary schools teaching the state sanctioned curriculum so that the students can acquire recognised examination qualifications (with some "Krishna consciousness" thrown in). However, Srila Prabhupada only sanctioned the opening of *gurukulas* where children would be trained full-time to become devotees, and never sanctioned that ISKCON should be involved in the mundane education business, running government- approved schools. On the contrary, he stated that this should *not* be done:

Srila Prabhupada outlaws government school syllabus in ISKCON

"As soon as possible we should open our own school and teach children KC through English medium, that is one of our programs. Our school will not be government recognized because we cannot follow the government syllabus. We want to teach only Krishna Consciousness. [...] If we can introduce this system, our girl disciples may be engaged for teaching them: a little English grammar, reading and writing, geography, arithmetic, history, sanskrit, but all of them should be Krishna Conscious--that is Bhagavata program: *kaumaram acarar prajno dharman bhagavatan iha*"

(Srila Prabhupada Letter, 12/4/72)

"So far the school of Sumati Morarji, make the children into Vaisnavas through English medium of learning. We are not going to abide by the government schedule. They should be taught our books as soon as they can read and write."

(Srila Prabhupada Letter, 30/7/72)

Srila Prabhupada forbids government schools in ISKCON

Gopala Krsna: "I was thinking, Srila Prabhupada, we should get this *gurukula* accepted by the

government also..."

Prabhupada: "No, no, no. Never do that."

(Conversation, 25/10/72)

Indian Man: "Is this a government-recognized college now?"

Prabhupada: "No. Government recognition means we have to abide by the orders of government. We cannot teach Bhagavad-gita only or Bhagavata. But our aim is to teach... We have got another school in Dallas for small children. There we are Sanskrit, teaching Sanskrit and English. Yes."

(Room conversation, 12/9/73)

Prabhupada: Therefore we have to follow the sastra. Then it will be possible. Brahmacari *gurukule*..."

Indian lady: "Christian has their own government schools everywhere. And we can have our own Krsna consciousness school."

Prabhupada: "Yes. We are having our own all over the world. We don't follow the government regulations."

(Room Conversation, 5/1/77)

Government curriculum is "useless"

"We haven't got to take any help from the government by getting so-called accreditation. If outsiders want to send their children to

us, it will not be for their accreditation, but because they will get the best education for relieving them of all anxieties of material life and for this education the government has no idea."

(Srila Prabhupada Letter, 7/3/72)

Prabhupada: "Government curriculum is useless." (Conversation, 24/6/77)

Gurudasa: "We would not do anything with the government if they restricted our curriculum..."

Prabhupada: "Yes [...] So we are not going to follow the university curriculum, no. We have got our own."

(Conversation, 25/10/72)

ISKCON education should not turn into an "ordinary school"

"Now in Mayapur there are two much important programs, namely, first of all, a school must be started in English medium. The children may work in the temple compound for gardening and cleansing, then they shall attend class. If they are given sufficient comfort, they will stay with us and develop nicely. Comfort means no bodily discomfort, and for this Krishna Consciousness education, many Calcutta rich men will send their children. Actually the Bhaktivinode Institute was started for this purpose,

but they have turned it into an ordinary school."

(Srila Prabhupada Letter, 14/4/72)

Prabhupada: No, if you take government help...

Indian lady: But the students go for examination in the board also.

Prabhupada: Examination or no examination, if you, they practice the rules, that is sufficient examination. [...] So if one is rising early in the morning, then what is the examination? That is already examined. If one has to rise early in the morning, attend the *mangalarati*, sitting in the class and reading Bhagavad-gita, chanting Hare Krsna... These are all practical. There is no need of examination [...]

Indian lady: But the parents want certificate.

Prabhupada: Therefore, if you want to satisfy the parents, the government, then it is not possible. You have to satisfy Krsna.

(Room Conversation, 5/1/77)

Not sannyasi business

Prabhupada: "It is not sannyasi's business. For starting a school, the government is there, public is there. Why you are...? That means *brahma satyam* you could not understand. You are coming to school-starting." (Conversation, 11/7/73)

IRM Mission Statement

Since the physical departure of His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada from our material vision on November 14th 1977, the International Society For Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON), the great movement which he single-handedly founded in 1966, and which is the only hope for humanity, has undergone a massive deterioration in its spiritual purity. This has been due to various deviations from the instructions and standards given by Srila Prabhupada, the chief of which being his displacement as the sole *diksa* Guru for ISKCON. The ISKCON Revival Movement (IRM) seeks to restore ISKCON to its former glory, purity and philosophical chastity through the re-institution of all the instructions and standards that Srila Prabhupada gave, beginning with his role as the sole authority and *diksa* Guru for ISKCON. The IRM's position is set out in *The Final Order* - see back page to order your free copy.





Readers' questions and challenges

"I'm resentful of the very idea that His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, founder acharya of ISKCON, should be seen by anyone as a messianic figure. To consider His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada as a transcendental messiah of Vaishnavism for generations of devotees is to me a gross misunderstanding of the Vaishnava culture, etiquette and philosophy."

- Jay Gurudeva Das, Prague, Czech Republic

Editor replies: At the IRM we prefer to follow the teachings of Srila Prabhupada, rather than anyone's opinion, especially when, as in your case, it is not supported by even one statement from Srila Prabhupada. You are resentful of Srila Prabhupada being seen as a messianic figure, but according to Srila Prabhupada, anyone who comes to deliver the fallen souls should be seen as a messiah:

"All the messiahs—saints who have come before or who will come in the future to preach the transcendental message of the kingdom of Godhead—are to be understood as the most confidential servants of the Personality of Godhead. Lord Jesus Christ appeared as the son of Godhead, Muhammad introduced himself as the servant of Godhead, and Lord Caitanya presented Himself as the devotee of Godhead. But whatever may be their identity, all such messiahs were of the same opinion about one thing."

(Message of Godhead, chapter 1, "Transcendental Knowledge")

"Such persons, being fully aware of knowledge both mundane and transcendental, have no interest in either the mundane or transcendental worlds [...] Then why do they come to the mundane world? They descend on different planets as messiahs by the order of the Lord to deliver the fallen souls."

(Srimad-Bhagavatam, 1.19.23, purport)

"I am worried that I might just read one word of the magazine and forfeit my spiritual life. [...] You are going to hell. All those who read your magazine have the same fate in store. You are a fool. Enough said!"

- Mukta Kesa Das, West Virginia, USA

Editor replies: There is no danger in forfeiting your spiritual life by reading BTP, since BTP extensively quotes the words and conclusions of Srila Prabhupada. If quoting the words and conclusions of Srila Prabhupada means we forfeit our spiritual life, then we are already in hell. However, for the false gurus in ISKCON who have usurped Srila Prabhupada's position, and those who continue to follow them as so-called disciples, their destination has already been chalked out:

"Anyone, if he is a pure devotee he can deliver others, he can become spiritual master. But unless he is on that platform he should not attempt it. Then both of them will go to hell, like blind men leading the blind."

(Srila Prabhupada Letter, 14/12/71)

"By a false display of religious sentiments, they present a show of devotional service while indulging in all sorts of immoral activities. In this way they pass as spiritual masters and devotees of God. [...] These rogues are the most dangerous elements in human society [...] They cannot, however, escape the law of the Supreme, who has clearly declared in Bhagavad gita that envious demons in the garb of religious propagandists shall be thrown into the darkest regions of hell. Sri Isopanisad confirms that these pseudo religionists are heading toward the most obnoxious place in the universe after the completion of their spiritual master business, which they conduct simply for sense gratification."

(Sri Isopanisad, mantra 12, purport)

"If there was going to be only one guru forever, either Lord Chaitanya himself or Lord Nityananda would have established the line while here 500 years ago. So logically your premise is flawed to start [...] Because the IS_CON Gurus are bogus does not invalidate all other Vaishnavas or our traditions [...]"

- Kulasekhara Das, Texas, USA (Srila Prabhupada 1969, HH Narayana Maharaja 2002)

Editor replies: We do not say that there will only be one guru forever. We say that Srila Prabhupada is the current link in our parampara (disciplic succession), and he will remain the current link as ISKCON's Guru until the predicted demise of ISKCON within 10,000 years:

"Hare Krishna will be finished within 10,000 years. There will be no more Hare Krishna."

(Srila Prabhupada Conversation, May 11th-14th, 1969)

For Srila Prabhupada to remain as the current link only invalidates bogus gurus in ISKCON from succeeding him. So anyone claiming to succeed Srila Prabhupada, whether ISKCON gurus or your new guru Narayana Maharaja ("NM"), must present orders from Srila Prabhupada to this effect: "Spiritually and transcendently I am his successor." (HH Narayana Maharaja, Interview, Australia, 15/1/2000)

We have shown in BTP, that just like the ISKCON gurus, Narayana Maharaja has no order from Srila Prabhupada to be guru for ISKCON devotees, nor is he even teaching the same as Srila Prabhupada (see "The Real Teachings of His Holiness Narayana Maharaja", BTP 5).

Since you were once Srila Prabhupada's disciple, we urge you to return to his lotus feet, instead of following those who are not correctly representing him.

"That is so immature of you to put that film out on the internet. You know that they would not want the magazines to be distributed, but you did it anyway. You went there provoking the situation, looking for trouble and you got it. Have your actions caused anyone to develop love for Krishna? If you can't associate with them peacefully then go have your own festivals."

(See page 5 - ed.)

- Urvashi Devi Dasi, California, USA

Editor replies:

1) Our actions are helping people in the pursuit of developing love for Krishna, because only by knowing that Srila Prabhupada is the bona fide Guru can one develop love for Krishna.

2) ISKCON does not own the public spaces in which they conduct a parade. In Western democracies the public have the right to decide what they wish to read. You cannot decide for them. You will see on the video clip that many of them are enthusiastically approaching our distributor and asking for a magazine. The last time we checked, America still allowed people to read what they want.

3) Neither did we set out to provoke anyone, since we expect those who attend the festivals to obey the law, which allows us to practice our First Amendment right to free speech, and distribute freely. Thus we are associating with everyone peacefully.

4) Even if our actions do provoke others, that cannot be justification for us not continuing. Just like many people do not like us distributing Srila Prabhupada's books in airports either. Should we also go and have "our own airports" in that case?! According to your twisted logic, if devotees get attacked by fundamentalist Christians whilst distributing books, it was *their* fault!

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ISKCON leader praises *Back to Prabhupada*

ISKCON leader His Grace Kripamoya Das, whose manifold responsibilities include being ISKCON UK Congregational Director, Bhaktivedanta Manor Temple Council member and Chairman of ISKCON's European Council, recently wrote an editorial piece about *BTP* on his website. Kripamoya prabhu's article graciously acknowledges the sincerity behind the IRM's mission to restore Srila Prabhupada to his position as the sole initiating (*diksa*) Guru of ISKCON. We herewith present extracts from Kripamoya prabhu's article in the tinted boxes, with our comments underneath. All his quotes are taken from "Thoughts on 'Back to Prabhupada' magazine", *The Vaishnava Voice*, February 8th, 2007.

***BTP* "well-researched"**

"The magazine is very well produced on glossy paper with colour photographs and well-researched articles."

This is a tacit acknowledgement that *BTP* contains accurate and truthful information, otherwise how can its articles be "well-researched"?

***BTP* read "several times"**

"I have read them several times before because propounders of this particular idea distribute their magazines with great enthusiasm at our Rathayatra festivals around the country."

It is refreshing to see an ISKCON leader who does not advocate attacking and beating up *BTP* distributors! We have noted in *BTP* issue 8, how one ISKCON Rathayatra Festival organiser advocated the concept of "violent love", arguing that beating up *BTP* distributors is how ISKCON devotees should show their "love" for Srila Prabhupada (see "Violent Love", *BTP* issue 8). In addition, we have noted the thug tactics

displayed against a *BTP* distributor by a GBC member and others at the Detroit Rathayatra, as highlighted on page 5 of this issue.

***BTP* widely distributed**

"They are also mailed in substantial numbers to almost anyone whose postal address is listed in any ISKCON publication."

Indeed, "substantial numbers" of ISKCON supporters who receive *BTP* are also writing in substantial numbers in support of *BTP*, as evidenced from our Letters pages.

***BTP* "sincere" in intention**

"The particular ideas put forward by those who espouse the *ritvik* doctrine are sincerely heart-felt and have developed out of concern for the well-being of ISKCON's members."

We are grateful to Kripamoya prabhu for publicly stating the truth about the IRM's motivation in acting for the well-being of ISKCON and its members. This statement echoes that recently made by the GBC in their recent debate with the IRM (see *BTP* 13), viz:

"There is no doubt that both ISKCON's leadership and the IRM have acted and are acting to establish what each considers the correct theological conclusion with regard to the affairs of gurus and disciples." (GBC submission, *The Rival Positians in the IRM-GBC Controversy within ISKCON*, Martin-Luther University, Germany, 2006).

Now we wait for ISKCON's leadership to **ACT** on their words and lift the ban on IRM devotees worshiping in Srila Prabhupada's temples, and allow each ISKCON devotee the opportunity to read *BTP* and *The Final Order* and make up their own minds.

***BTP* "beneficial"**

"Now of course, this sort of passionate expression of thoughts and feelings is beneficial, even when accompanied by zealous

table thumping and highly charged journalism."

GBC, you may not listen to us, but at least listen to one of your own!

***BTP* "sign of intellectual vitality"**

"The energetic discussion of ideas and political reform within a movement like ours is not only to be expected, but encouraged. Writing, debate, and campaigning should be regarded as a sign of intellectual vitality, particularly within a spiritual community that wishes to avoid the theological constipation that debilitates many religious organisations."

If such discussion is to be encouraged, why then are IRM devotees **BANNED** from some ISKCON temples, most notably Bhaktivedanta Manor, of which HG Kripamoya prabhu is a temple council member, simply for engaging in this discussion? This can only mean that the temple authorities are afraid of "intellectual vitality" which, of course, is completely antithetical to Srila Prabhupada's teachings:

"A sincere student should not neglect the discussion of such conclusions, considering them controversial, for such discussions strengthen the mind."

(*Sri Caitanya-caritamṛta*, *Adi-līla*, 2:117)

Accepts ISKCON gurus not liberated

"Our contemporary ISKCON Vaishnavas who have assumed the role of guru for their students would never claim to be liberated souls, and are certainly not the best devotees who have ever lived in history. They regard themselves as *upakarikas*, or 'helpers,' in the mission of the *acarya*. They don't claim to be perfect, and no one makes that claim for them."

However, all ISKCON gurus are

worshipped "as-good-as-God" by their disciples, as takes place in daily *guru-puja* and annual Vyasa Puja ceremonies, and in doing so they are making a huge statement of how they wish others to view their spiritual status; for only a liberated soul, or *mahabhagavata*, is authorised and qualified to receive such worship:

"When one has attained the topmost position of *mahabhagavata*, he is to be accepted as a guru and worshipped exactly like Hari, the Personality of Godhead. ONLY such a person is eligible to occupy the post of guru."

(*Sri Caitanya-caritamṛta*, *Madhya-līla* 24.330 purport, emphasis added)

"Srila Prabhupada is the spiritual master of everyone in ISKCON"

"Back to Prabhupada was sent to me by someone who espouses the *ritvik* doctrine, the conclusion that since Srila Prabhupada is the spiritual master of every ISKCON member, that consequently there should be no other initiations or gurus."

This echoes Srila Prabhupada's statements that he indeed will be the initiating spiritual master of everyone in ISKCON:

"Yes, I am the spiritual master of this institution, and all the members of the society, they're supposed to be my disciples. They follow the rules and regulations which I ask them to follow, and they are initiated by me spiritually."

(Srila Prabhupada Radio Interview, March 12th, 1968)

Srila Prabhupada still giving guidance

"Srila Prabhupada is the unquestionable source of all knowledge and guidance, direction and encouragement for all of his senior disciples who now have disciples of their own."

This echoes Srila Prabhupada's

following statement, quoted in the IRM's position paper, *The Final Order*, which is advertised for free dispatch at the back of each BTP:

"I shall remain your personal guidance, physically present or not physically, as I am getting personal guidance from my Guru Maharaja." (Srla Prabhupada Room Conversation, July 14th, 1977)

And if Srla Prabhupada is guiding his disciples today, then he can of course also guide everyone else in the same way, since it is accepted that Srla Prabhupada is able to teach followers even though he is not physically present.

Disagrees with other ISKCON leaders

"ISKCON continues to grow despite those many mistakes, and wherever it is growing you will find healthy guru-disciple relationships."

ISKCON gurus have issued statements that ISKCON is NOT growing, but rather is in meltdown:

"How will we deal with our polarized and disintegrating society?" (Ravindra Svarupa Das, GBC Chairman, May 2000)

"The Society remains together more on the basis of a loose confederation of initiating gurus and independent local leaders, than as a unified movement of surrendered servants."

(HH Prahladananda Swami, ISKCON GBC guru and Sannyasa Minister, presentation to the GBC, *Duties of GBC and Guru in ISKCON*, 2006)

Therefore Kripamoya prabhu may wish to correct his rosy assessment in consultation with his esteemed colleagues.

Incorrect understanding

"It is certainly true that there were those who took up this order (to be guru) prematurely, or who allowed the privileges and honour ensuing from the role to affect them, but that in itself – disappointing as it is – should

not cancel thousands of years of tradition or the natural relationships which develop between teacher and student today."

BTP does not state that because we have experienced problems with gurus in ISKCON, therefore only Srla Prabhupada should give initiation. Rather, we repeat Srla Prabhupada's teaching that only if he has ordered his disciples to succeed him as initiating gurus, can they give initiation:

"One should take initiation from a bona fide spiritual master coming in the disciplic succession, who is authorised by his predecessor spiritual master. This is called diksa-vidhana."

(Srimad-Bhagavatam 4.8.54, purport, emphasis added)

No record of such an authorisation being given to those who currently initiate in ISKCON exists. Hence it is not that certain ISKCON gurus "took up this order prematurely". Rather, there was no order, period.

Phantom orders, part 1

"It is not a fact that Srla Prabhupada did not want anyone to take disciples or to become the next in the parampara succession. Quite the opposite – and for obvious reasons. He told several of his disciples that this was the traditional process and that they must have even more disciples than he himself."

Unfortunately, there is no record of Srla Prabhupada ordering his disciples to replace him as the initiating Guru in ISKCON, only hearsay. And via hearsay evidence one can prove anything. Indeed, one of ISKCON's biggest detractors and competitors, HH Narayana Maharaja, similarly claims his mission is authorized by such a phantom hearsay order he received from Srla Prabhupada.

Phantom orders, part 2

"At the Bhaktivedanta Manor in 1973 he told every devotee

sitting in the temple room that he was 12th in the succession coming from Chaitanya Mahaprabhu and that: '...all of you are the 13th.'"

There is no quote from Srla Prabhupada spoken at Bhaktivedanta Manor in 1973 which mentions that his disciples "are the 13th". However, in the same charitable spirit Kripamoya prabhu has shown BTP, we have found for him a quote which most closely resembles what he is trying to quote here, and it is:

"My Guru Maharaja is tenth from Caitanya Mahaprabhu, I am eleventh, you are the twelfth."

(Srla Prabhupada Arrival Lecture, Los Angeles, May 18th, 1972)

Srla Prabhupada simply states that since he is the eleventh, and since he has disciples, they automatically become the 12th generation coming from Caitanya Mahaprabhu. That Srla Prabhupada had disciples who have become the 12th generation is not disputed by anyone. What is non-existent is the order from Srla Prabhupada asking his disciples to initiate their own disciples, thus producing a 13th generation.

Call for recognition

"Surely those who want Srla Prabhupada to be exclusively honoured, and who want us all to go 'Back to Prabhupada,' should recognise the contribution of his senior disciples who, over the 30 years since his physical departure, have brought tens of thousands of souls to his feet?"

Unfortunately, as the facts show, such individuals have indeed brought tens of thousands of souls, not to Srla Prabhupada's feet, but their own feet. For the whole ISKCON guru program is geared to capturing new recruits for the gurus themselves, to give them *daksina* (donations), to give them worship, and to look to them as the personality who is



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their eternal savior "life after life", not Srla Prabhupada. And they have also driven away thousands of souls from Srla Prabhupada's movement:

"FACT: ISKCON gurus have opposed, oppressed and driven out many sincere godbrothers and god-sisters."

(ISKCON guru HH Jayadvaita Swami, *Where the Ritvik People Are Right*, 1996)

And then there are also the thousands of hapless disciples of the 34 ISKCON gurus themselves, who have fallen down and left these disciples in the lurch, causing many to abandon ISKCON.

Conclusion

So according to a senior ISKCON leader, BTP is:

- a) Well-researched;
- b) Beneficial;
- c) To be encouraged, as it is a sign of intellectual vitality essential to spiritual movements;
- d) Sincere in its intent;
- e) Widely read by himself and others.

So it seems even ISKCON leaders are accepting that BTP is something with substance and merit which needs to be addressed. We urge Kripamoya prabhu to continue his studies of BTP and thus improve his understanding of Srla Prabhupada's teachings.

GBC cooks its own goose

The pages of *BTP* have documented how, in order to sustain the Great Guru Hôax, the GBC gurus are forced to invent philosophies which state that Srila Prabhupada can no longer be accepted as Guru, and therefore we must instead accept their "living" representatives as substitute gurus for Srila Prabhupada. Unfortunately for them, HH Narayana Maharaja (henceforward "NM") from the Gaudiya Matha is beating the GBC at their own game, arguing that if we must accept "living representatives" as substitutes for Srila Prabhupada, there is no reason we cannot accept him as such a "living representative", especially since he claims he is the "best" available. And some have left ISKCON to join him, noting he is an elderly Indian *sannyasi* (renunciant) without any known record of external falldown, whereas ISKCON's gurus have had an horrendous record in this regard. And with no order from Srila Prabhupada authorising any specific individuals to succeed him, the GBC have no authority to support the legitimacy of their gurus vis-à-vis NM, or any other competitors for that matter. Hence, in the absence of a clear mandate establishing individuals in ISKCON as the authorised successor-gurus to Srila Prabhupada, it is not too difficult for others to just as easily claim that they are also the "real successors" to Srila Prabhupada. Caught out by their own "any guru but Srila Prabhupada" philosophy, in a naked display of hypocrisy, ISKCON gurus have had no option but to fight a rear-guard action by advocating basically the same arguments advanced by the IRM, to justify why one should not go to NM, but "stay with Srila Prabhupada". To fight off the IRM, the GBC gurus will argue we need them instead of Srila Prabhupada; and to fight off NM, the same gu-

rus will argue we now need Srila Prabhupada instead of NM! Here is the proof of this blatant hypocrisy in action:

Only documented evidence from Srila Prabhupada accepted

"Srila Prabhupada never told in any book, article, interview or any other documented statements, that Narayana Maharaja should become the siksa guru of ISKCON."

(Hridayananda Maharaja, Letter, 7/12/2000, "Understanding Narayana Maharaja via his own words and deeds", by Bir Krishna Swami and Urmila devi dasi)

This is a blatant self-contradiction, since the same applies to Hridayananda Maharaja, the person who has made this statement:

"Srila Prabhupada never told in any book, article, interview or any other documented statements, that *Hridayananda* Maharaja should become a diksa guru of ISKCON."

Yet this has not stopped Hridayananda Maharaja (henceforward "HM") from posing as such a guru for 30 years now. For HM became guru in 1978 via the following fraudulent GBC resolution:

"However, for 1978, no new Spiritual Masters shall be appointed other than the 11 selected by Srila Prabhupada."

(GBC Resolutions, March 19th, 1978)

And as the GBC themselves later acknowledged, when they dismantled this "zonal Acharya" guru system (Great Guru Hoax, part 1), no such appointment of "11" spiritual masters ever took place:

"Srila Prabhupada never said 'here are the next eleven acaryas, and they are authorised gurus for the movement.' He did not do that."

(Ravindra Svarupa Dasa, GBC-elected guru, San Diego debate, 1990)

Similarly, there is nothing

from Srila Prabhupada in any "book, article, interview or any other documented statements", naming ANYONE as a *diksa* guru of ISKCON. Yet ISKCON is happy to run around with 80 such undocumented gurus, but want people to reject NM via the use of a standard that they themselves do not follow.

What makes this naked double-standard even more egregious is that HM admonishes against the use of precisely such a double standard:

"We need the same rules for all Indologists. If purely religious claims can be fairly denied within the boundaries of objective material scholarship, then religious claims can certainly, in principle, be fairly affirmed within the same epistemological, procedural and methodological ground rules. For as that old proverb teaches: 'What's good for the goose is good for the gander.'"

(Hridayananda Maharaja, *ISKCON Communications Journal*, Vol 3, Issue 1)

Thus HM is more than happy to employ a rule requiring documented statements from Srila Prabhupada to deny NM acting as a guru competitor to himself and the other ISKCON gurus, but refuses to apply to it to establish the guru credentials for himself and other ISKCON gurus. Therefore HM needs to follow his own advice, otherwise he will make more than just a goose of himself.

Instruction to ISKCON takes precedence over personal testimony

"In the ultimate issue, however, what matters is not so much what Srila Prabhupada may or may not have said to Srila Narayana Maharaja, but what Srila Prabhupada said to us, his disciples. And there is no record of him ever instructing the members of ISKCON to take direction from Srila Narayana Maharaja, other than to seek his advice concerning the details of performing Srila Prabhupada's

samadhi ceremony."

(Sastvarupa 'Maharaja', "Understanding Narayana Maharaja via his own words and deeds", by Bir Krishna Swami and Urmila devi dasi)

By the same standard, we can note that in the matter of instructing "the members of ISKCON", Srila Prabhupada issued the July 9th, 1977 directive to the whole movement, stating that *ritviks* (representative priests) had been appointed to continue the process of initiation in ISKCON on his behalf. However, the GBC's papers and ISKCON gurus are more than happy to establish their own case for guruship, based on what was said not to the wider "members of ISKCON", but supposedly just to one person:

"When he whispered to me in this room he told me, 'You have to accept disciples and train them. You should have your own men, your own disciples. Otherwise how can you manage?' 'He (Srila Prabhupada) told me that.'"

(Gaura Govinda Swami *Darshan*, 11/24/89, wherein he relates the "personal whisper" evidence for his guruship – though GGS has now passed on, he is still eulogised as a great saint by the GBC).

"You each be guru," he said. "As I have five thousand disciples or ten thousand, so you have ten thousand each. In this way, create branches and branches of the Chaitanya tree."

(Hari Sauri Das's "private diary", quoted as "evidence" in GBC paper Prabhupada's Order, 1998)

So again, the GBC refuse to apply the same standard of proof for their own gurus as they seek to impose on NM.

No Acarya to come after Srila Prabhupada

"Maybe you do not realize that you are insulting Srila Prabhupada. It was he who set up the system of ISKCON gurus that you are now decrying. Srila Prabhupada did not say that Narayana Maharaja or anyone else, mahabagavata or not,

should become the next ISKCON acharya."

(Umpati Swami E-mail to

Padmanabha Maharaja, 31/12/2006)

Again, ISKCON's gurus are condemned by their own words, because similarly:

"Srila Prabhupada did not say that *Umpati Swami* or anyone else, mahabhagavata or not, should become the next ISKCON diksa guru."

So ISKCON gurus suddenly invoke the lack of an explicit order to prevent NM coming "next" after Srila Prabhupada, but such an absence of an explicit order has not prevented them from coming "next" to replace Srila Prabhupada in their hordes. Umpati Swami even has the temerity to state that Srila Prabhupada **"set up the system of ISKCON gurus."**

This system of "ISKCON gurus" is that any person who gets a majority vote from the GBC can become a *diksa* guru:

"any GBC can present a diksa guru candidate before the GBC body. [...] and upon majority approval of the body, he may take up the responsibilities of an initiating guru in ISKCON."

(GBC Resolution No. 3, March 30th, 1986)

Pray tell us WHEN, WHERE and HOW Srila Prabhupada "set up" this system, mandating that in the future his disciples must replace him as the *diksa* Guru for ISKCON by lining up to get voted-in as such by the GBC? Such evidence cannot exist for the simple reason that the system was manufactured as a result of a paper written in 1984 by Ravindra Svarupa Das, as we documented in *BTP* issue 12 (see "The man who expanded 11 to 70"), as an attempt to "reform" the "zonal Acharya" guru system in place at the time. Thus it was a system "set up" by Ravindra Svarupa and his band of so-called "guru reformers", not by Srila Prabhupada.

Jumping over Srila Prabhupada

"Regarding re-initiation, you

say that there is scriptural justification for it. I cannot deny that, but Srila Prabhupada said that it is forbidden, and Srila Prabhupada is my authority on all matters. I do not jump over him."

(Umpati Swami E-mail to

Padmanabha Maharaja, 24/12/2006)

But the GBC are very happy to "jump over" Srila Prabhupada themselves when it comes to advocating re-initiation from other ISKCON gurus, for their paper on "re-initiation" quotes extensively not from Srila Prabhupada (who as noted above never spoke of this concept), but from Bhaktivinoda Thakura's *Jaiva Dharma* and Narahari Thakura's *Krsna Bhajanamrita*. And indeed, in trying to defeat Srila Prabhupada's July 9th directive establishing a *ritvik* initiation system, they will happily try and quote previous *Acaryas* to try and "show the tradition", realising that there are no instructions from Srila Prabhupada which can help them in defeating Srila Prabhupada's own instructions!

No need for anyone other than Srila Prabhupada

"And you yourself said that the raganuga instruction is already there in Krsna Book. I do not know of any instruction by Srila Prabhupada saying that we must find another mahabhagavata to explain it to us."

(Umpati Swami E-mail to

Padmanabha Maharaja, 24/12/2006)

Now if we do not require NM to explain *Krsna* book to us, pray tell why do we need Umapati Swami to explain it to us? And if we do not need him to explain it to us, then what is the point of the GBC's "living guru" program where we must accept a "physically present" guru, since Srila Prabhupada's books are supposedly "passive" and cannot "talk back" to us? So just exactly what do Umpati Swami's "disciples" need him for? We know why he needs them – to worship him "as

good as God", give him *daksina* (donations) etc. But he apparently is not needed by his disciples at all.

Self-contradiction

"I have firm faith that no one can offer me any higher perfection than what I will attain by following these instructions of Srila Prabhupada, and I will fight any effort to interfere and tell me or my disciples to go outside of ISKCON for instruction or initiation."

(Umpati Swami, E-mail to

Padmanabha Maharaja, 24/12/2006)

But as we have seen, these very same "instructions of Srila Prabhupada" do not mandate Umpati Swami replacing Srila Prabhupada as the *diksa* Guru for ISKCON, and taking his own disciples. Therefore, again there is a hypocritical self-contradiction, with Umapati Swami trying to invoke "Srila Prabhupada's instructions" as the reason why "his disciples" should not take instruction from NM, but "Srila Prabhupada's instructions" also do not mandate that Umapati Swami should even have any disciples to begin with!

Conclusion

By making these hypocritical statements to establish the standard for evidence and proof in the case of NM, the GBC have well and truly "cooked their own goose", for now they are admitting that all claims for their own guruship must also be supported by documented statements from Srila Prabhupada to all ISKCON members specifically naming them as gurus. Similarly, they also cannot now ever quote from anyone other than Srila Prabhupada to support their claims. This then leaves us with the following standard for evidence, as given by the GBC themselves:

'Srila Prabhupada must issue a documented instruction to all members of ISKCON, naming a person to a specific capacity.'



**Srila Prabhupada:
Did not mandate any
diksa gurus after him**



**HH Narayana Maharaja:
Beating the GBC at their own game**



**HH Hridayananda Maharaja:
"What's good for the goose..."**



**HH Gaura Govinda Swami:
Secret "whisper"**



**HH Umapati Swami:
Ruling himself out of a job**

And guess what, this is exactly the standard which the IRM has been following all along to establish their case, since the July 9th directive constitutes such evidence, where Srila Prabhupada specifically named individuals only to act in the capacity *asritviks* to initiate disciples on behalf of Srila Prabhupada.

The GBC are yet again not just comprehensively defeated, but defeated solely via using their own words. Not for nothing is Kali-Yuga known as the Age of Hypocrisy!

ISKCON guru agrees with *The Final Order*

Personal instruction from the Guru not necessary for spiritual success

HH Indradyumna Swami:

"But I would offer that there is a misconception here in guru-disciple relationship. Of course, it is certainly nice if one can have some personal instruction, a personal direction in one's life from the spiritual master. But one's success in Krishna consciousness is not necessarily based on that." (HH Indradyumna Swami, Text COM:1974636, 1999)

The Final Order (IRM):

"It would be extremely rare to be given personal guidance directly from Srila Prabhupada; in fact he constantly discouraged such interaction so that he could concentrate on his writing. [...] The very fact that personal *pariksa** was not always undertaken, even when it was possible to do so, proves that it can not be necessary to the process of *diksa***." (The Final Order, 1996, p. 86 [2006 reprint])

*examination ** initiation

Personal association of the Guru not necessary for spiritual advancement

HH Indradyumna Swami:

"Srila Prabhupada personally interacted with his spiritual master maybe three or four occasions. I think, he wrote two letters to Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati, and received one reply. And if one's advancement in Krishna Consciousness is dependent upon the personal association of the spiritual master, directing one in one's daily activities, then what are the chances of me in perfecting my Krishna consciousness because my spiritual master passed away in 1977? I haven't seen Srila Prabhupada almost twenty years." (HH Indradyumna Swami, Text COM:1974636, 1999)

The Final Order (IRM):

"Srila Prabhupada's instructions and personal example prove categorically that the elements which constitute *diksa* can be utilised without the need for the guru's physical involvement:

"Reception of spiritual knowledge is never checked by any material condition." (Srimad-Bhagavatam, 7.7.1, purport)

"The potency of transcendental sound is never minimised because the vibrator is apparently absent." (Srimad-Bhagavatam, 2.9.8, purport)
(The Final Order, 1996, p. 28 [2006 reprint])

Srila Prabhupada's books give all instructions for spiritual life

HH Indradyumna Swami:

"That's the way I follow myself in my relationship with Prabhupada, my spiritual master. I had the liberty in one or two occasions to ask from Prabhupada for some personal instruction, but now, if I need to understand something, I read the books or I can solve it with my godbrothers. So then I ask the disciples to do the same." (HH Indradyumna Swami, Text COM:1974636, 1999)

The Final Order (IRM):

"As demonstrated, the need for personal *pariksa* is not a *sastric**** requirement. Srila Prabhupada supports the use of representatives, such as his disciples and books, as a substitute for personal *pariksa* ." (The Final Order, 1996, p. 52 [2006 reprint])

*** scriptural



HH Indradyumna Swami:
Gives a perfect treatise on why the current ISKCON guru system, and hence himself, is unnecessary since it is Srila Prabhupada who is our real Guru

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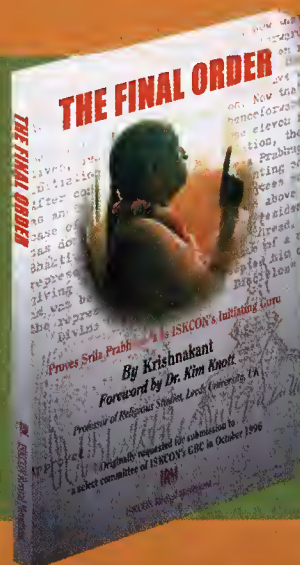
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